

Attachment 1

December 3, 2003 Regional Water Board Motions Item 17

Motion 1

The Board finds that additional Regional Water Board regulatory and non-regulatory action, beyond the current program outlined in Item 17A, are necessary to address the water quality impacts due to rate and scale of land disturbing activities in the Five Watersheds.

Motion 2

The Board directs that staff shall require submit of reports of waste discharge, leading to WDRs on a watershed-unit or segment basis, with larger mitigation ratios as appropriate, in Elk and Freshwater. Sufficient notice shall be given to allow adequate time for preparation of environmental documentation.

Motion 3

The Board finds that water quality benefits can be derived from short-term remediation actions. The Board therefore directs the Executive Officer to prepare a proposal for pursuing short-term in-stream remediation options, exclusive of dredging. The proposal will consider, among other appropriate measures, the removing of channel obstructions, placement of woody debris, and construction of sediment detention basins.

Motion 4 (Two Parts)

The Regional Water Board concludes that:

- Cleanup and Abatement Order R1-2002-0114 be revised to clarify the inclusion of South Fork Elk River in the Order.
- The Board directs the Executive Officer jointly develop a time schedule with Pacific Lumber Company to address cleanup of sediment sites in the Bear, Stitz and Jordan Creek watersheds. The Executive Officer is further directed to issue a Clean up and Abatement or 13267(b) if the first dates in the cooperative schedule are not met. The Board further directs the Executive Officer to develop a Time Schedule Order if the dates in the order are not met.

Motion 5

The Board directs that, until watershed segment WDRs are in place, staff shall develop and require the implementation of mitigation measures as necessary to address cumulative impacts from individual timber harvest plans. In part, staff is instructed to pursue modification of Zero Net Discharge (ZND) to raise the mitigation ratio as appropriate, in the range of 300% to 700% to mitigate for problems identified in the Panel Report.

Motion 6

The Board finds that a new period of interagency cooperation should be initiated between the agencies to achieve common environmental goals and objectives and develop joint regulatory efforts to achieve Basin Plan objectives.